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Just Like Powell.

The following article from the Courier-Journal sounds so much like the condition in Powell county that one knowing the conditions in the county and reading the article would think Powell county was being dealt with instead of the county in question:

"In Warren county a campaign has been started with the object of inducing the voters to authorize a bond issue of \$300,000 for the purpose of building roads.

"Of course there is some opposition to this movement. There are voters who have so much consideration for their children and their children's children that they do not want to burden future generations with a tax; therefore they are perfectly willing for these future generations to struggle along against the same difficulties and impediments which are making the going bad for the people now on earth. There are other voters who do not care a copper for future generations, but object mightily to giving up a few dollars for the public benefit. There are a few selfish ones who already have good roads at their doors and whose solicitude for human welfare does not extend beyond the spiritual and temporal needs of 'me and my wife; my son John and his wife, us four and no more.' There are some who do not want to pay a good road tax because they do not realize the cost of the bad road tax. There are a few who do not care to have the value of their land increased because they do not want to sell the land. That there is a small contingent, induced to mud and misery, which 'don't want no pikes nohow.'"

"The State Highway Engineer estimates that the people of Warren county are paying upward of \$155,000 a year in mud tax. In other words, they are paying more than half the amount of the proposed bond issue every year. They are paying this in increased cost of hauling, in loss of time, in wear and tear on horses, harness and vehicles. They are not handling this money over to a tax collector and getting a receipt for it, but they are paying it all the same. It is an indirect tax, and many of them do not understand it. Every taxpayer can comprehend a direct tax. He pays it to the Sheriff once a year, and if he should chance to be a little dilatory about it the Sheriff may be depended upon to remind him of his negligence. But the bad road tax is paid every day in the year, a little at a time, with such frequency that it represents, in the aggregate, a large amount.

"If the people of Warren county want good roads, and want them for the benefit of present as well as future generations, they will have to raise the money and build them. There is no other way—and it is better to pay road tax than mud tax."

Dies in Arizona.

Mrs. A. C. Day died at Tucson, Arizona, where she had gone for her health, and the remains were brought to Winchester and interred in the cemetery there. The funeral was conducted Tuesday at the home of Mr. H. G. Garrett, who married a sister to the deceased's husband.

Mrs. Day was a daughter of Noble McDonald, of this county, and is survived by her husband; Virginia, her six-year-old daughter; a sister, Mrs. V. B. Atkinson, of Stanton; and Mr. and Mrs. Noble McDonald, of Bowen, her parents.

Optimistic Reports.

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo and Secretary of the Agriculture Houston, who have been on a tour of the whole country for several weeks, visiting the large cities in each section and holding hearings therein for the purpose of ascertaining the most desirable points at which to establish the new Government reserve banks, returned to Washington last week. They bring the most optimistic reports in regard to the industrial condition of the country. Secretary McAdoo states that he was amazed at the vigorous prosperity which he found nearly everywhere. Business had slowed down very much when the new currency law became a reality on December 23, but since then business has been going forward with leaps and bounds. While the new currency banks are not in operation yet, still the new law contained a provision that any bank which was short of money could deposit its securities at once with the United States Treasury and secure funds with which to meet the demands of its customers for loans. This provision to a large extent practically put the new currency law into operation at once, as far as financial relief is concerned, and that is why it has had such a beneficial effect on the business of the country.

Would Like to be There.

The editor expresses his thanks and appreciation of the appointment as delegate to the State Farmers' Institute now in session at Frankfort, and we sincerely regret that circumstances are such that we cannot be in attendance. Mr. Fred Blackburn, member of the State Board of Agriculture from this Appellate district, is certainly doing all in his power to aid the farmers in this section, and if they are not profited by Mr. Blackburn's being a member of the Board it will be no fault of his.

Holding a Reunion.

The survivors of the old Constitutional Convention which was held twenty-four years ago are holding a reunion at Frankfort. Only thirty-six of the members are living. G. B. Swango, who represented Powell, Montgomery, Menefee and Wolfe is one of the surviving members. J. F. West, of Irvine, is also a surviving member as is ex-Congressman Frank A. Hopkins, a former Congressman from the Tenth district when Powell was a part of it.

In What Way?

Mr. Gum, of Estill county, is compelled to go about with crutches, and this prevents him from making many efforts to get the floor of the House, but every member with whom he serves on a committee declares he is one of the most useful men in the House.—Lexington Leader.

Coldest of the Year.

The coldest weather this year has been this week. The thermometer stood only six above zero Tuesday morning, Tuesday night it was not so cold and the U. S. weather forecasts are that it will get warmer by today or tomorrow.

Store Burns.

The large general store of G. P. Day at Bowen burned Friday night, entailing a loss of \$10,000 with but little insurance.

Died in Illinois.

Mrs. Sarah McKinney, wife of J. D. (Poff) McKinney, died at Hudson, Ill., Sunday morning, aged about 64 years. Burial Tuesday in the Bloomington, Ill., cemetery. Mrs. McKinney before marriage was a Miss Gravett, daughter of Ellis D. Gravett, of Spout Spring. Mr. and Mrs. McKinney moved from Spout Spring to Hudson, Illinois in 1881, where they have since resided. Mrs. McKinney is survived by her husband; three sons, Will and L. V. McKinney of Illinois, and Geo. McKinney of Kansas; and two married daughters. She is also closely related to the Gravetts of this county now living on Hardwick's creek. The many Kentucky friends of Mr. McKinney, her husband, extend to him their sincerest sympathy in his sad bereavement.

Killing Fish.

The United States Government may be doing a good act in riding the Kentucky river of snags and obstructions last week hundreds of sticks of dynamite were let go on the river near Ford and hundreds of pounds of fish were killed. Natives along the river were busy picking up most any size from the small fry to the twenty pounders, mostly white perch. It is a shame that Uncle Sam's men on these dredge boats are allowed to kill millions of fish each year in the Kentucky streams with dynamite.—Winchester Democrat.

Small-Pox Situation Improved.

None of the small-pox exposures from Bert Hammons have broken out yet and it is hoped that the speedy vaccination by most of the exposures that it will have the desired effect. J. T. Potts has broken out with the disease, but he contracted it in Tennessee where he has been for several weeks.

A. E. Sams, of Clark county, is in the city. Mr. Sams sold his farm there recently for \$10,000.00 and will move to Spout Spring where he has rented a good grass farm. He was unable to get suited in a place in Clark, hence comes back to Estill where he will receive a hearty welcome.

The Powell County Deposit Bank, of Stanton, has one of their fine statements in this issue of the Times. This bank is one of the institutions of the county that our people should be proud of. A healthy bank like the Deposit Bank is of inestimable value in any community.

John C. C. Mayo, millionaire coal operator and Democratic National Committeeman for Kentucky, who has been critically ill with acute Bright's disease at his home in Paintsville, was conscious Monday night for the first time in two days.

News comes from Washington that the good roads bill passed by the House last week appropriating \$25,000,000 as Federal aid to roads is to be killed in the Senate. If it is, the Senators voting against this bill should be also (politically) killed.

The Ladies Aid of the Methodist church will meet at the home of Mrs. Adams, March 4th, Wednesday. Ladies bring sewing for a social time.

E. B. McGlone left yesterday for Clearfield, Tenn. on a business mission.

STANTON NEWS.

Mr. Jesse Crowe is visiting his sister near Paris this week.

Rev. W. W. Strickland was a visitor to Winchester this week.

Mrs. Eversole, the wife of our general salesman, has her brother as a visitor this week.

Willie Garrett, wife and baby were visitors to Filson where they visited Mrs. Garrett's people.

Dr. J. E. Lemming and Luther Stephens attended county court day at Winchester last Monday.

Mr. Grover Barnett, of Winchester, was a pleasant caller at the home of Mr. Ide Boone last week.

A freight wreck at the Horse Shoe Bend near Monica in Lee county delayed the passenger trains last Saturday.

Walter Thacker has gone to Mr. Sterling where he will help his uncle for a while on the farm. Walter expects to fatten up while there.

Mr. Ben Sewell, of Jackson, made his usual pleasant visit to our town over Sunday. It looks as if Ben means business. Well, we don't blame him.

Mrs. D. R. Clark returned home Tuesday after a few days visit with her daughter near Lexington. Her daughter, Mrs. Myrtice, has been sick but is better at this writing.

Austin Todd, of Louisville, was here over Sunday for a visit with his daughter, Lucile, who stays with M. A. Phillips and wife. Mr. Todd is claim agent of the C. & O. Railroad.

While at McCormick Sunday the writer learned that Kelley Fulk and his family of Hatton creek will move to that place the first of March. Mr. Fulk is running the rock crusher at that place.

Prof. Buck, the new teacher at the College, was taken sick the latter part of last week with typhoid fever. He was taken to the hospital at Lexington Tuesday by Dr. Johnson. We hope that he will soon be well again.

The citizens of Stanton heard with regret of the burning of the store of Granville Day and Tom Ponders at Bowen last week. The loss was between \$10,000 and \$12,000 with about \$6,000 insurance. The cause of the fire has not been learned by the writer, and perhaps is not known.

It has been suggested to the writer that he call attention again to the cleaning up of the cemetery. If our cemetery were cleaned up we would have one of the prettiest ones in the State. As it is it is quite an unsightly looking place. Can we not appoint a day when the weather opens up and all put in a day, or perhaps more, of work and beautify the place.

The social at the College building given by Prof. and Mrs. Hanley to their Sunday School classes was a distinct success. A great time was had by all who attended. The writer and his better half were invited but just as the time came for going, the baby had to take a colicky pain and that made us stay at home. Everybody spoke highly of the address of Dr. Wm. Cummings of Winchester.

The adult Bible class of the Christian church gave an oyster supper to the men and boys of the church last Saturday night. A splendid time was had by everybody who attended, and after the supper the crowd gathered in another room and several speeches were heard. Mr. Stewart, the teacher of the class, gave a splendid talk about the value of Bible study and of the wonderful fascinations of the Book.

Robert Baker, of near Mt. Sterling, and Judge John Hardwick, of Winchester, were in Stanton on business this week in connection with the burning of the store at Bowen. They were the owners of the store before they sold to Messrs. Day and Ponders.

Mrs. M. A. Phillips gave one of her memorable birthday dinners last Saturday to a number of her friends. Words are inadequate of the humble writer to tell of the fame of Mrs. Phillips' cooking, and of the splendid dinner served. The table was loaded down with turkey, chicken pie, salads, and abundance of other things too good to mention. It is considered quite a privilege to get an invitation to these wonderful birthday dinners, and it makes the writer think of the good old days of long ago when all the kin folks gathered at some home for a big Christmas dinner. And how we children did stuff ourselves on that great occasion. As Prof. Hanley said, we hope Mrs. Phillips will live to have many more birthdays. A number of beautiful presents were sent to her as a remembrance.

It pains the writer very much to see the levity and seeming frivolity of the young people and some of the older ones at the various church services. We do feel that if there is one place where there ought to be reverence and a spirit of devotion in worship, that it ought to be when we gather at the house of God. During the week days we are so taken up with the many cares and trials of every day life, and we are so busy looking after the social, mental and physical side of our living, that we forget God and all that He has done for us. Realizing that God gave us one day in seven to remember Him, a day in which we could lay aside the burdens of the week and come together for a time of worship and communion with our Maker. To help us to get closer to God we set apart men who will reveal the Bible to us, and help us to get in touch with God. The service is only an hour long, and it is all too short for the hearing of God's Word, and we would earnestly request the young people and the older ones, that when we come to the house of God that we remember it is a sacred hour, and a time for divine worship. Hallowed memories of our Savior's suffering and His wonderful love for us ought to engender a quietness over the audience so that we can get the greatest good from this hour of service. Any levity or whispering during the services detract from it, and hinders the spirit of God working in the hearts of the people. The writer remembers so vividly the years when he grew up in the dear old church at the old home town. During the morning and evening services there was a wonderful stillness and quietness during the hour when the man of God was feeding our souls with the spiritual food from that dear old Book. It was a sacred and blessed hour that we spent there. The writer never remembers any levity or whispering during this cherished hour. It has been a wonderful memory to him ever since those tender years that shaped out his path in life. But it does seem now days that if we are thoughtless or perhaps indifferent about God's house, and so many come there just to have a place to go or to pass a pleasant evening with other young people. Let us make the church a place where we can gather for a social time before the services commence, but during the service a place of worship and devotion. We each can do this if we only will.